

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2021
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE FOURTH DAY OF MARCH, 2021, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT COUNCILMAN LOWE: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DiMEO: PRESENT COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk reviewed the regular meeting agenda:

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:34 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:34 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges commented on the Stigma-Free Zone Resolution. Mrs. Hodges stated she understands the intent of the resolution and added she does not disregard the intention behind it; however, the resolution cannot make the borough a stigma-free zone. Mrs. Hodges further stated it would be wonderful if people just did not stigmatize.

Councilman DiMeo questioned the property located at 6 Union Avenue.

Mayor Robbins answered that property will be discussed during executive session.

Council President Oglesby asked if there was an update on the removal of trees that are causing sidewalks to lift.

Mayor Robbins responded, “it is still in the works”. Mayor Robbins stated Public Works Department Head Dave Winton is exploring ways do “in house” removal.

Mr. Oglesby questioned JCP&L transitioning the streetlights to LED adding it has been some time since the last light was changed.

Mayor Robbins responded JCP&L has changed representatives adding Maria Sessa has retired further adding he will reach out to the new representative.

Mr. Oglesby stated he has been doing some walking around the borough and notice dog owners have not been picking up after their dog adding perhaps dogs are running loose or dog owners are being lazy. Mr. Oglesby asked the Public Safety Committee to make the police aware and to “keep an extra eye out”.

Councilman McCarthy complimented the Public Works Department for a good job during the recent snowstorm. Mr. McCarthy stated he notice a couple of business owners did not clear their sidewalks of snow three consecutive storms adding when the Code Red call goes out, perhaps the call could remind owners they are responsible of clearing snow from their sidewalks.

Councilman Lowe responded most business owners in the borough have been here for many years adding they are aware the snow needs to be removed from their sidewalks. Mr. Lowe stated they need to be ticketed adding they will remember then to clear the sidewalk the next storm.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Patricia Hodges

To approve minutes of February 4, 2021 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Lowe who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of February 4th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters to be considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution #21-056 re: Payment of Bills (2/18/21)
2. Resolution #21-057 re: Payment of Bills (3/4/21)
3. Resolution #21-058 re: Appointment of Tyler Sypniewski as Part-time Police Officer
4. Resolution #21-059 re: Borough of Lakehurst as a Stigma-Free Zone

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ORDINANCES NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: Gary Lowe

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2021-03 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST AMENDING CHAPTER XXV OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED LAND DEVELOPMENT" Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:40 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:40 P.M.

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Steven Oglesby

To adopt Ordinance #2021-03 Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Brian DiMeo

To approve on second reading and open the public hearing on Ordinance #2021-04 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING ORDINANCE 25-27.41 TITLED "STORM DRAINAGE" AND ORDINANCE 25-27.48 TITLED "WATER QUALITY" CONTAINED WITHIN CHAPTER XXV ENTITLED LAND DEVELOPMENT". Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Mr. McCarthy also reported the fire department had made a couple of purchases to update their electronic reporting system, replacing outdated gear, and upgraded hoses adding all purchases were within their operating budget.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:49 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:49 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reads resolution to go into closed session:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

**CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
LITIGATION**

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 7:50 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:38 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Robert McCarthy

To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Steven Oglesby

Seconded by: James Davis

To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:39 p.m.

Maryanne Capasso, RMC
Municipal Clerk